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## FIFTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Exhibit A) and attached hereto as Exhibits 1-5:

- 1) WO 0053805, Armes et al., September 14, 2000; (Exhibit 1)
- 2) WO 9106678, Stanford Research Institute, May 16, 1991; (Exhibit 2)
- 3) WO 0192284, Amersham Pharm. Biotech. Ltd., December 6, 2001; (Exhibit 3)
- 4) U.S. Patent No. 6,074,823, Hubert, June 13, 2000; (Exhibit4) and

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5) Hultman et al., Direct Solid Phase Sequencing of Genomic and Plasmid DNA Using Magnetic Beads as Solid Support, Nucleic Acids Research, 17(3):4937-4946. (Exhibit 5)

This Fifth Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement supplements the Information Disclosure Statements filed by applicants on January 7, 2004; January 9, 2003; December 13, 2002; September 3, 2002; and July 6, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. This Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

References 1-5 were first cited in a Supplementary Partial European Search Report issued February 27, 2004 in connection with related European Patent Application No. 01977533.7 (Exhibit B). Applicants note that Metzker et al. (1994), cited in the Search Report, was previously disclosed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by applicants on January 9, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants request that the Examiner review the publications and make them of record in the subject application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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